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Mitchell residents vow to fight on

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

The sign outside the fire station on Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell proudly, defiantly proclaims residents' intention to fight.

Welcome to Mitchell
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It Ain't Over Till It's Over.

Since a judge and the Madison County Board dismissed a Mitchell petition seeking a November vote on incorporating the area, Mitchell residents have met to decide how and when they will fight.

As of *Journal* press time Friday, incorporation organizers had yet to formally announce their intentions. So what's next for Mitchell? One possible action is an appeal to a high-

er court, probably the 5th District Appellate Court.

Despite — or even because of — the double slams against them earlier this month, their desire to fight is even higher.

"Now that the judge ruled against us, there will be an annexation frenzy," said Bob Staicoff, a Mitchell resident. "They can't wait to get their claws in our community."

One of the most important issues driving the incorporation effort was to protect the Mitchell area from being swallowed by the surrounding communities. Those fears may be well-founded.

For example, Granite City last week announced its intention to proceed with annexation plans of various parcels stretching from Interstate 270 up to near New Poag Road. Union

Electric owns 1,500 acres of the 2,000 acres Granite City hopes to annex by October. Part of the land is in Mitchell's proposed boundaries.

Established cities bordering Mitchell are also eyeing the Gateway Commerce Center's light industrial park. The commercial center is a "great thing for the state and county," Staicoff said. "But our efforts began (See MITCHELL, Page 7A)

Speed racers

Three mini racing machines negotiate a tricky S-curve through hay bales at last week's mini Grand Prix on the streets of downtown St. Louis. The race, co-sponsored by the *Suburban Journals*, helped raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. Story and pictures on Page 2B.



Staff photo by DAN BARGER

Edgar move throws seats up for grabs

Those from both parties praise governor

Local politicians from both the Democratic and Republican parties praised Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar on the day he announced his retirement, and they agreed his departure will make for an interesting 1998 election.

"I admire Gov. Edgar for his decision," said state Sen. Vince Demure, D-Carlinville.

"Jim Edgar is an outstanding governor, and this is a good day to salute his career," said state Rep. Ron Stephens, R-Troy.

Edgar, a Republican from Charleston, announced Wednesday he will retire from politics, throwing the 1998 campaigns for governor and the U.S. Senate up for grabs in Illinois.

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Rep. Ron Stephens.

Edgar's decision not to run for the U.S. Senate seat held by Carol Moseley-Braun, a Democrat, has immediate and far-ranging impact on how Republican and Democratic politicians line up for the statewide campaigns in 1998.

Stephens said he has been on (See EDGAR, Page 7A)

Goal: Zero waste

Lunch kit invention promotes recycling

(This is the fourth installment in a five-part series exploring the latest innovations in home and business recycling. The reports also will detail how well recycling has worked and the prospects for the future. This "Do It For Your Mother" series was developed with a large amount of research by the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.)

By Mary Shapiro
 Staff writer

While they may end up trading away a sandwich, adults and children never have to throw away anything if they're using their zero waste lunch kit.

It's a recent invention of the 9-year-old Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment, as part of their continuing efforts to keep trash out of landfills.

Distributed throughout the community in April, the lunch kits were a part of 1,000 "Waste Reduction Survival Kits," designed to demonstrate



the ease of recycling. The kit includes a red lunch bag with Velcro, white plastic sandwich container, and blue juice box, all of which may be washed and used again.

The container may be used instead of plastic bags and wraps to pack sandwiches while the reusable juice box avoids packaging found in disposable, individual juice boxes, said Darcy Capstick, chairwoman of the 13-member committee.

In addition to the lunch kit, the survival kit also contains a white mesh produce bag (made from recycled plastic soda bottles); a spray bottle with recipes for creating alternative homemade cleaning solutions to avoid hazardous wastes; insulated travel ther-

mal cup; microwave splatter shield to be used instead of paper towel or plastic wrap; a recycling activity book for children; and a "reminder" refrigerator magnet.

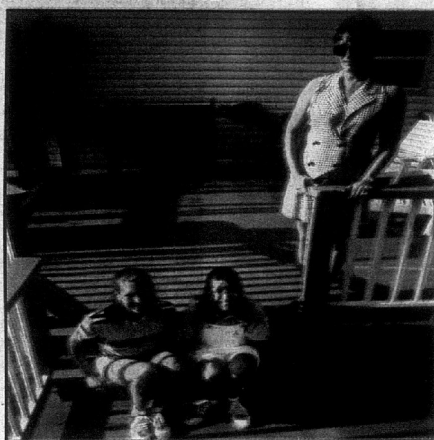
Seed money in 1996 helped develop the kit — the first year such grants were offered by the St. Louis County Department of Health's Office of the Solid Waste Coordinator.

The only city in Missouri that has developed such a kit, Chesterfield also received grants from the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District to create them.

Survival kits were distributed at the 1996 Best of Chesterfield festival, St. Louis County Fair and Air Show, Chesterfield Tree Day and the Monsanto Eco Fair, to families who agreed to fill out a questionnaire.

"We also used grant funds to distribute 200 free backyard composters," Capstick said.

The committee also donated three composters to Faust County Park for educational (See ZERO, Page 8A)



Darcy Capstick, chairwoman of the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment, shows off the zero waste lunch kit, designed by the organization to reduce trash.

Synthetic material replaces wood use

By Allyson McCollum
 Staff writer

Re-Source St. Louis provides a way to conserve trees and re-use plastic at the same time.

Re-Source is a Chicago-based company that produces a synthetic wood from plastic milk jugs and water jugs. Re-Source St. Louis is the only distributor of the product in Missouri, though there are other companies that produce a different synthetic building material.

Re-Source St. Louis, 1542 Fenpark Drive in Fenton, has been in business for about six years, said owner Ann Ojile.

"The demand is incredible for this," she said.

The jugs are first chopped up, washed and disinfected, so the remaining plastic is 99.98 percent pure, Ojile said. The chopped plastic is then made (See WOOD, Page 8A)

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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK News Channel 5

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A time to remember

Pride, unity, Saltich to be celebrated during weekend gala

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Organized labor and union supporters will show pride on the streets and remember a friend on Labor Day.

The Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, will hold the annual Tri-Cities

LABOR DAY

Labor Day Parade and Picnic Sept. 1 in Granite City.

During the picnic, the Young Democrats of Madison County will hold a special ceremony at noon in Wilson Park in honor

of former Madison County Clerk Debbie Saltich, who died in May.

Saltich is remembered as a friend of labor and the Young Democrats.

"She was one of the first elected officials who took us seriously," said Mike Holliday Jr., president of the Madison

County Young Democrats.

Holliday said holding the ceremony on Sept. 1 in conjunction with the annual Tri-Cities parade and picnic was very appropriate.

"She was very labor friendly," he said. "She did a lot for labor, and a lot for us." (See LABOR, Page 7A)

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Convicted child molester arrested in Maryland Heights

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

A paroled sex offender was arrested Wednesday on charges he molested two Illinois boys while living in Maryland Heights earlier this year.

The man, Mark Allan Nichols, was arrested at his Spanish Lake apartment, near Interstate 270 and Lilac Road in north St. Louis County. He had moved there in late July, authorities said.

Nichols, 34, was employed as a salesman. He was charged in

warrants with two counts of first-degree child molestation. He is being held in St. Louis County Jail on \$75,000 bond.

The Illinois Division of Family Services Aug. 15 told Maryland Heights police it was investigating allegations Nichols had molested the two boys, who both are under age 13, at his Maryland Heights apartment. One of the boys is from Pontoon Beach.

Joe Bova Conti, a Maryland Heights detective, said Nichols admitted to molesting the two boys and possibly one other

"He told me he can't control his urges when he's around children, especially boys."

Det. Joe Bova Conti
Maryland Heights police

boy.

"He told me he can't control his urges when he's around children, especially boys," Bova Conti said.

All Nichols' known victims

have been boys, he said.

Nichols would have been on his way back to jail even without the new charges, police said.

Maryland state officials

already had decided to revoke Nichols' probation because he had failed to attend the required counseling sessions for sex offenders, Bova Conti said.

Nichols, who grew up in East St. Louis, was convicted of child molestation in Maryland in 1992 while teaching at a Christian school.

"He would befriend these boys," Bova Conti said. "He would take them to ballgames and to restaurants and work his way into the confidence of the boys and their parents and begin the molestation."

Nichols served about 1 1/2 years of a 10-year sentence before he was released on supervised probation. Nichols then transferred his probation to Missouri.

Maryland Heights police were aware when Nichols was living in that city because he was registered as a known sex offender with St. Louis County as required under Missouri law.

"Maryland Heights takes a nonintrusive, proactive approach to known offenders in our area," Bova Conti said.

Brock, Irons to be honored

The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation will honor Cardinals great Lou Brock and Vashon High School basketball coach Floyd Irons at the fourth annual St. Louis Rams Coaches Luncheon Sept. 19.

The event will begin at noon Sept. 19 in the Marriott Pavilion Hotel, Fourth and Market streets, downtown. Brock and Irons will receive the Dick Gregory/Elston Howard Distinguished Sports Achievement Award.

Previous honorees include Lawrence Walls, Michael Spinks, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Nino Fennoy, Martin L. Mathews and Kevin Anderson Jr.

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased by calling 621-1994.

MEETINGS

A proposed property tax levy public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Highway 111. The hearing will be held prior to the regular board meeting.

The West Granite Neighborhood Watch will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Loman Park. The September meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 15. Granite City Police Officer Mike Sparks will instruct a Women's Self Defense seminar immediately following at 7 p.m.

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Concert in the park

Two-year-old Connor LaVelle listens to the Stan Fornaszewski Orchestra play a concert at the Centennial pavilion in Wilson Park along with his grandfather Bob LaVelle and his neighbor Lena Scher. Jack Wood of the Stan Fornaszewski Orchestra plays saxophone.



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Voters on track for MetroLink decision

Transit officials will need a two-year study to pick the best route, but voters can decide in November whether to put a \$315 million MetroLink light-rail system on track in Madison County.

The Madison County Board agreed Wednesday to let voters decide on adding a half-cent sales tax to their bills to finance the county's share of MetroLink's cost. The proposal drew no comments or questions from board members before the unanimous vote.

Board Chairman Rudy Papa, who began pushing for the referendum months ago, said he was pleased that voters will have the opportunity to extend the light-rail system.

The county voted last December to study MetroLink as part of its ongoing Long Range Transportation Plan after declining to support MetroLink expansion last summer

and in 1997, when St. Clair County began efforts to build a line through East St. Louis to Belleville and the new Mid-America Airport being built adjacent to Scott Air Force Base.

"This is good news," said Jerry Kane, managing director of the Madison County Transit District.

"MetroLink has been a huge success, and now residents of Madison County will be given an opportunity to choose," Kane said.

Members of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee have indicated a willingness to work for passage of the November referendum.

"The first step took place here today," Kane said.

The half-cent hike in the sales tax to three-fourths cents on every sales dollar in the 16 Transit District townships would generate \$276 million

"MetroLink has been a huge success, and now residents of Madison County will be given an opportunity to choose."

Jerry Kane
county transit managing director

between 1999 and 2015, including \$51.7 million in interest. The tax does not apply to sales of licensed or titled property, such as cars and boats, officials said.

Papa said the county expects to receive \$258 million in matching federal funds for planning and capital costs, but there are no assurances. The popularity of the MetroLink system in the St. Louis region means priorities will be set up for federal transportation dollars.

Even if voters approve the tax increase, Madison County has no guarantee of getting the next light-rail extension. The area will have to compete with surrounding communities, but without local tax support and long-range planning, the line will not be built, Kane said.

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Customers make up for lost time

Karen Roberts walked into the United Parcel Service Alton Center on Wednesday, her arms full of packages.

Roberts, a bookkeeper for Acropolis Computers in East Alton, was dropping off boxes she had been waiting to ship since the Teamsters union strike against UPS began Aug. 4.

"They've been sitting in the office for two weeks," Roberts said, relieved to finally get them off her hands.

Other area businesses that depend on UPS for their shipping needs are breathing a collective sigh of relief since UPS and the Teamsters reached a tentative agreement late Monday.

Bob Sirtak, manager of The Elegant Peddler gift shop on South Buchanan Street in Edwardsville, said he's glad the strike appears to be over. UPS usually delivers about 35 percent to 40 percent of his store's merchandise, he said.

"It's going to help us a lot," Sirtak said.

News of that pact has brought many of the 185,000 striking Teamsters nationwide back to work, including workers at the Alton Center.

About 25 percent to 30 percent of Teamster UPS employees at the Alton Center returned to their jobs Wednesday, said Jeff Wilson, a UPS spokesman in Decatur. He said those numbers should begin to rise by the end of the week, as the volume of packages the company handles increases.

"The more we pick up, proportionally, the more people we'll start to call back," Wilson said.

Teamster workers at the Bethalto plant are represented by Local 710, based in Chicago, the only local in the country that did not honor the national strike.

About 90 percent of the UPS Teamsters in Bethalto had been laid off by the end of the strike's first week. The remaining workers were kept off the job because members of locals from Alton and St. Louis set up pickets outside the plant.

No one crossed that picket line. (See UPS, Page 7A)

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OBITUARIES

Violet Sourjohn

VIOLET SOURJOHN, 77, of Granite City died at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 1997, at Caseyville Nursing Home following a three-week illness. Born May 29, 1920, in Broadway, Mo., she had been a Granite City resident for 41 years.

Mrs. Sourjohn was a homemaker and of the Pentecostal faith. Survivors include one son, Joseph Sour-

john of Granite City; and two sisters, Virginia Guenther of Belleville and Edna Perkins of Bland, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Silk Sourjohn; her parents, Sherman and Lilly Mae (Cope) brothers. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. today, Sunday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, where services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Aug.

25. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Eldon R. Voss

ELDON R. VOSS, 65, of Eureka died at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1997, at his residence. He was born July 13, 1932, in Granite City. Mr. Voss retired Sept. 30, 1987, from the U.S. Department of Defense. He was a member of

Masonic Lodge 385 of Granite City, Aired Temple of East St. Louis and Scottish Rite Temple of Belleville, A.U.S. Air Force veteran, he served during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Siebert) Voss, whom he married Dec. 8, 1952, at Scott Air Force Base; two daughters, Pat Bridges of Eureka and Penni Susag of Fort Drum, N.Y.; one stepdaughter, Judy Jording of Eureka; three brothers, Harold Voss of Amarillo, Texas, Charles Voss of East Alton and Robert Voss of Granite City; one sister, Rebecca Slat of Granite City; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles W. and Bertha R. (Rainwater) Voss; and one sister, Edna Trower. Services were Saturday, Aug. 23, at Otto-Argo Funeral Home in Eureka with the Rev. Gerald Butler officiating. Burial was in Olio Cemetery, Eureka. Memorials are suggested to OSF Hospice, Peoria.

Wilma Jean Fernandez
WILMA JEAN FERNANDEZ, 66, of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 1997, at Castlehaven Nursing

Home. She was born Aug. 18, 1931, in Carlyle.

Mrs. Fernandez retired from Boatmen's Bank of St. Louis after many years as a lock box division employee. She was of the Methodist faith. Survivors include one son, Victor Fernandez of Edwardsville; one brother, William Smith of Arizona; two sisters, Dorothy Bequette of Cahokia and June Allen of Oklahoma; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Moses Fernandez, who died in January 1971; and her parents, Lloyd and Hazel (Wells) Smith.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today, Sunday, at Werner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Jamie Hahn officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation.

Victoria Jean Kynion
VICTORIA JEAN KYNION, 2 months, of Granite City died at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1997, at Cardinal Glennon Childrens Hospital in

St. Louis where she had been a patient for one and one-half days. She was born June 4, 1997, in Granite City.

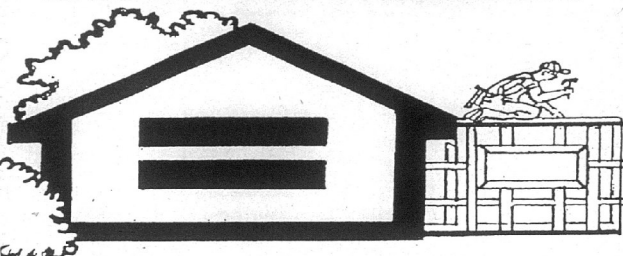
Survivors include her parents, Jeremy Ray and Melissa Ann (Parrish) Kynion of Granite City; paternal grandparents, Kay Kynion of Granite City and Greg and Mardell Kynion of Indiana; maternal grandparents, David and Angela Parrish of Bend; paternal great-grandparents, Al and Shirley Jansen of Granite City and Charles and Paulette Kynion of Scott City, Mo.; maternal great-grandmother, Gladys Deering of East Alton; and her godfather, Timothy Lee Bello of Grove Coeur, Mo. She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandparents, Leilian and Leonard Parrish and Charles Deering. Services were Friday, Aug. 22, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. John Gamblin officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Maryville Road. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Correction

Due to erroneous information provided to the Press Record/Journal, the name of Joann Fleming, of Tucson, Ariz., was incorrectly listed in an Aug. 21 obituary as a daughter of Manuel Fernandez, the deceased. Ms. Fleming is not a daughter of the deceased. The Press Record/Journal regrets the error.



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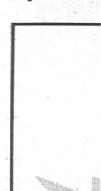
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Cardinals Youth Clinic postponed

Uncertainty about the condition of the field at Busch Stadium has postponed the Cardinals Club Youth Clinic. Grounds maintenance and reseeding need to be done before the clinic may be scheduled.

Those selected for the Youth Clinic already have been notified of the postponement. The winners are:

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Summerstage is pleased to announce tryouts for its next production, *Don't Drink the Water*, a comedy by Woody Allen.

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The plot revolves around a variety of people stuck in an

American Embassy behind the Iron Curtain during the time of the Cold War.

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Firm to look at system

COUNTY COURTS

A Collinsville architectural firm with courthouse expertise will study Madison County's judicial space needs for as much as \$80,000.

The Madison County Board agreed Wednesday to hire AATC Inc. to identify the court system's current space needs and project those needs 25 years into the future.

"No decision has been made on whether to build a new courthouse," said Jim Monday, Madison County director of administration. The basic cost of \$80,000 for the three-month study has reimbursable add-on expenses estimated at \$15,300 for travel and printing.

Board member Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, questioned the cost, although he said he is not against the study. Members of the county's Finance, Building and Judicial committees, who recommended County Board approval, said they wanted to be sure the judicial system was properly using the space it has. The study will assess options like night court and other ideas that could increase space without building.

Chief Madison County Circuit Judge Nicholas Byron had proposed a new criminal courts building to ease crowding, but officials said they wanted to know if existing space could be found before looking at new construction. Results of the study will be available by December. As part of the study, architects will interview judges, as well as personnel from the sheriff's department and state's attorney's, public defender's and circuit clerk's offices — about needs, staff growth and record storage.

Security, parking and automation systems will be assessed, along with the judicial case load, the age of pending cases and the number of cases handled by each judge. The study also will assess concerns about screening the public, delivering and holding prisoners, sequestering juries and general public access.

State's Attorney William Haine said the judicial system has changed a great deal since the courthouse was built.

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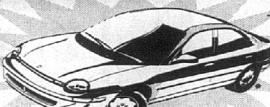
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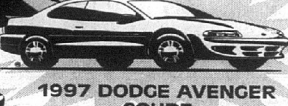
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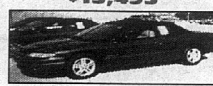
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Aerosmith, "Nine Lives"

By Ronnie Roy
 Staff writer

Cats could learn a lot from Aerosmith.

The Boston-based rock 'n' roll survivors will headline a show at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Riverport Amphitheatre. Opening for the band is Jonny Lang.

While most rock bands to come out of the '70s have broken up, changed members like old tires, haven't had a hit record or even a record contract in years or tour behind albums that are celebrating anniversaries, Aerosmith still rides high in the saddle.

The band is touring in support of its multipatinum, 12th studio album, "Nine Lives," which features the hits "Fall in Love (Is Hard on the Knees)" and "Hole in My Soul." It is their first release under a multimillion-dollar deal with Columbia Records, and follows 1993's successful "Get a Grip."

Aerosmith, still made up of original members Steven Tyler (vocals), Joe Perry and Brad Whitford (guitar), Tom Hamilton (bass), and Joey Kramer (drums), released its self-titled debut album 25 years ago. It hasn't always been a smooth ride.

"We've had our decadent cycle like all bands do," said Hamilton. "We lived through that. We lived through a breakup. We got a taste of what it's like without this, that's a big part of it."

"You go through a lot of personality stuff, but there's a glue that holds us together. We don't feel we've reached the end point of what we can do. It's fun, it's a blast. It's something a lot of people want to do."

Aerosmith formed in the summer of 1970 when Jam Band members Hamilton and Perry teamed up with Tyler in Sunapee, N.H. Hamilton, Kramer and Whitford rounded out the band, which later that year moved to Boston. In 1972, "Aerosmith" was recorded, and by 1975's "Toys in the Attic" the band was a headliner. It broke into the top 10 with the hit singles "Dream

On" and "Walk This Way."

As the decade ended, the band's fortunes declined. Perry left in 1979, followed by Whitford two years later. They returned to the group in 1984, and the band returned to the top of the rock charts with albums like 1987's "Permanent Vacation," 1989's "Pump" and his like "Dude (Look Like A Lady)," "Cryin'" and "Love in an Elevator."

Back on top, the band recently seemed poised for another breakdown. While putting together their latest album, the band split with manager Tim Collins, changed direction on the album, and there were rumors of fighting within the band.

"We're not that different from other bands," Hamilton said. "We reached a breaking point with our former manager and he started rumors with the press. It's just the kind of stuff that goes on."

"We wanted to make a record that's tied to our history and what we've learned over the recent years. Everyone is really committed to it, and everyone wants to put in their two cents. But the glue is there, so the resentments don't last."

Hamilton says fans coming to the show Sunday can expect a two-hour show that draws on all eras of the band's career. The stage will have an exotic, East Indian look and an elaborate light show. "Lots of kids

are saying it's our best lights yet," he said.

"Our last tour was fairly bare-boned," Hamilton said. "We wanted to do more, but we spent money on stuff that couldn't travel or wasn't working. We had a large flying 'A' logo, but the pieces kept crashing into each other."

Hamilton is pleased with the reception the new album and tour are getting. "We have a

history of starting slow and gaining momentum as the tour goes on, but we're already ahead of where we were at this point with 'Get a Grip.'"

"The way things are in this business, it's a challenge. You gotta get the word out. We're going through a 'the guitar is dead' period, and we've been through three of those. It's good to punch a hole in the resistance we get."

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The telephone to Secretary of State George Ryan's office, adding his name to a list of GOP officials urging Ryan to run for governor.

Stephens, like other Republicans, also is backing Attorney General Jim Ryan to run against Moseley-Braun. U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, said he, too, would urge George Ryan to run for governor.

Pundits had said Edgar would have little trouble beating Moseley-Braun, but Stephens said the Chicago Democrat should not be taken lightly.

Demuzio said if George Ryan runs for governor and Jim Ryan runs for the U.S. Senate, it would result in wide-open races for statewide offices.

es, with no incumbents running for re-election.

"You will see a proliferation of candidates, and it could make for a very exciting general election."

He said the fact a Democrat would not face an incumbent may cause some to think they have a chance of getting elected using their own money.

"I suspect a number of candidates will emerge."

Stephens said the announcement was a surprise. Shimkus also said he was surprised.

"I am somewhat surprised but also supportive of (Edgar's) decision not to run for election next year after 30 years of public service. His decision was, I'm sure, a difficult and well-thought-out one," Shimkus said.

"The governor has done a tremendous job bringing Illinois back into financial well-being and will be hard to follow," he said.

"At the same time, I hope that the 1998 Republican ticket will quickly fall into place," he said in a statement.

— From The Telegraph

Retirees to meet

Granite City Retirees branch of Local 743 will be meeting for lunch and a brief business meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 1997, at Ralph & Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact R.A. Cottrill at 877-1080 by Monday, Sept. 1.



A Granite City firefighter throws candy to children from his fire truck during last year's Labor Day parade in Granite City.

Labor

(Continued from Page 1A)
The Saltich memorial will include a tree planted in her honor, a permanent, 12-by-12 inch bronze plaque and flagpoles flanking the tree, Holliday said.

The Granite City Park District will plant the tree, a red sunset maple, near the Labor Centennial Pavilion.

This will be the 17th year that members of affiliated local unions have gathered to display their union pride through the streets of Granite City.

The parade steps off at 10 a.m. at Magna Bank on the corner of Edison and Niedringhouse.

Gene Hudson, chairman of the Tri-City Chapter, said the

parade "shows solidarity for the unions in the area."

Usually between 800 to 1000 people participate in the parade, he said.

Granite City Mayor Ron Selph will serve as the grand marshal and lead the parade.

Locals and community groups will compete for trophies in a variety of categories: best union float, best marching band, largest participating local union, best marching band, best participating community group and the tug-of-war.

For the second year, union members will collect non-perishable food items along the parade route. Parade participants and viewers are encouraged to bring food items for the "Pantry Patrol" to collect.

Special collection trucks will be placed throughout the

parade and all donated food will be delivered to Protestant Welfare, to be distributed to area needy.

The picnic begins in Wilson Park immediately following the parade. Food, drink, music, kids' games and fun awaits the union members and families for the remainder of the day.

A new addition to the picnic is a "Dunk your business agent and send a union kid to college" attraction. The dunk is a fund-raiser for the annual \$1,000 Scholarship Award fund.

For the last four years, the Federation has made the scholarship available to high school students of members of affiliated locals. The event, if successful, could increase the number of scholarships awarded each year, organizers said.

UPS

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line, a union official said Tuesday. Officials from UPS and the local union are set to begin negotiations for a new contract Sept. 2.

The tentative deal reached Monday by the Teamsters and UPS is based on a five-year contract that includes wage increases for both part-time and full-time employees. The agreement stipulates the Teamsters will retain control

of UPS' workers' pension fund, and it allows for 10,000 full-time jobs over the five years of the pact.

"The growth of those jobs is also dependent on new volume," Wilson said.

UPS lost an estimated \$600 million during the 13-day strike, and company officials say they do not expect to reach pre-strike volume any time soon.

— From The Telegraph

Mitchell

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before that was even known about."

The area for the proposed Mitchell incorporation roughly followed the boundaries of the Mitchell Fire Protection District. It was 20 square miles, bounded by the Mississippi, the Hartford/South Roxana boundaries to the east, and Granite

City/Pontoon Beach to the south. Many of those communities opposed the incorporation.

Mitchell residents do not bear any ill will toward residents in the surrounding towns and cities, Staicoff said. They just don't want to be a part of those cities.

"We want to be our own community," he said. "Our efforts aren't over."

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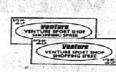
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4. What private island will the Cardinals visit?
5. What former NFL Football players will attend the private Superbowl party on the ship with the Cardinals?
6. When will the Cardinals sail to the Caribbean?
7. What ports will the Cardinals' Cruise be visiting?
8. Where is Fredbird's favorite place to scuba?
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8. Ship's registry: Rotterdam.

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NEWS



Cardinal Cruise

Fredbird, the St. Louis Cardinals mascot, poses with Altair Travel and Cruises staffers, from left, Pat Eilermann, Mike Claiborne, Andre Nelson, Caroline Mueller and Pat Blassie, and far right, Robin Pelland of Holland America Cruise Lines. Altair has been named the headquarters for the 1998 Cardinals Cruise, scheduled for Jan. 24 to 31, aboard the Holland America's MV Westerdam. The cruise is scheduled to leave from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and will make stops at Nassau in the Bahamas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and the islands of St. John and St. Thomas. Cost is from \$887 per person for the cruise only. Call 968-9600 for information.

Company uses newspapers for packaging

By Jean Abernathy
Staff writer

After the Suburban Journal has been read and placed in the recycling bin, it most likely will return to area homes as packaging protecting a fluorescent light bulb or a satellite television receiver.

EnviroPak Corp., 4135 Galley Court in Earth City, turns old newspapers into molded paper pulp packaging. The custom-molded packaging is placed inside containers and conforms to the specific shapes of the products. It's being marketed to replace polystyrene (Styrofoam) packing material.

Joseph T. Walsh, president of EnviroPak, said most people are familiar with molded

paper pulp.

"A long time ago, most egg cartons were made with molded paper pulp," he said. "Egg producers also ship eggs on trays of molded paper pulp, because it protects the fragile eggs so well."

Molded paper pulp will protect fragile electronic and computer equipment just as well — or better — than Styrofoam, Walsh said.

"Styrofoam gets its strength from volume," he said. "Molded paper pulp gets a lot of its strength from fiber, so it is more resilient and has the ability to absorb impact."

Another benefit of molded paper pulp packaging is the price, Walsh said.

"We are very competitively

priced with Styrofoam and in some cases have beaten the price," he said. "We have very stable prices and can guarantee them. Paper prices are not as volatile as petroleum. Styrofoam is petroleum-based."

EnviroPak buys all of its newspaper from local paper brokers.

"Everybody who works here also brings in their newspapers," Walsh said. "My neighbors give me their newspapers. That's only half of 1 percent of the newspapers we use, but it's a lot of fun."

The company uses up to four tons of paper a day. Since it is the only manufacturer in the area that uses paper as its primary material, there is usually plenty of newspaper.

Pedro paves way to recycling

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

A company in Brentwood that specializes in recycling office products was started on a whim and a shoestring budget.

But Peter "Pedro" McMillan, the self-described "head honcho" of the company, learned there was demand for the products from people who want to save the environment for future generations.

Pedro's Planet Inc., 597 Hanley Industrial Court in Brentwood, sells recycled office products to businesses and takes their waste paper and aluminum cans to be recycled.

McMillan started the business eight years ago in University City. His company has built up a customer list of almost 600 businesses that use recycled office products.

RECYCLING

"We saw the need for businesses to close the loop by purchasing recycled products as well as recycling their waste," McMillan said.

"We are currently recycling tons of waste paper and aluminum each month and supplying offices and restaurants all over the St. Louis area with recycled products," he said.

About 10 percent of the products sold by his company are made from recycled materials, McMillan said. The recycled products include such items as stationery and envelopes; copy machine and computer paper; file folders; legal and memo pads; storage boxes; pencils and paper clips; correction fluid and toner cartridge refills; and cups and bath tissue.

McMillan offers about 25,000 office products, most of which can be delivered within 24 hours of receiving an order.

About 180 tons of office waste paper was picked up last year from businesses. That paper is sold to brokers who sell it to paper mills, which use it to manufacture recycled paper.

McMillan said the market for waste paper constantly fluctuates. When prices for waste paper are low, haulers for some brokers stop coming around. To keep waste paper from piling up in clients' offices or being taken out with the garbage, McMillan's company makes regular pickups regardless of the price.

In a small way, McMillan says his company is in the business of caring for the planet.

•Zero

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purposes. Local garden clubs maintain them.

Later this year, the committee will donate a composter at the Chesterfield Elementary School Park site, to supplement the school's outdoor education efforts.

Also in 1996, the committee conducted a magazine collection for recycling, and a paint collection through Metro West Fire Protection District and Paint Solutions Inc.

A business recycling program was developed with a second Solid Waste Coordinator grant. Any interested company was offered waste consultations, a solid waste audit, design of recycling programs and start-up assistance.

The group's efforts have netted them some awards. The committee received the 1997 Achievement Award from the Missouri Waste Control Coalition. Capstick was honored as Chesterfield's Citizen of the Year for 1997 in recognition of her recycling efforts.

"If we don't create waste on the front end, we surely won't have to pay money to get rid of it on the back end," Capstick said.

•Wood

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into one-eighth-inch pellets, which are colored and mixed with chemicals to protect the plastic from the sun.

The plastic pellets are then heated and pushed through a die to form the "lumber," much as dough is pushed through a pasta maker to form noodles, Ojile said.

Re-Source St. Louis sells synthetic boards, so homeowners can build their own decks or porches, or the store can provide staff to do installation. It also sells furniture made from the material.

The synthetic wood can be installed with standard wood-working tools and hardware, Ojile said, and is easier to work with than wood because there are no splinters.

The synthetic boards expand and contract slightly more than wood, so that becomes a factor in planning construction. Because of that, only auto-

ized distributors are permitted to sell Re-Source products, and the staff provides builders with some education before they work with the products.

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MILESTONES

Mike King celebrates his 30th birthday today, Aug. 24.
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Joyce L. Timko will celebrate her birthday Aug. 26.
Jackie and Donna Severs will celebrate their 2nd anniversary Aug. 26.
Michael D. Turner will celebrate his 30th birthday Aug. 27.

Larry Petri will celebrate his 41st birthday Aug. 27.
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Gary McFalls Sr. will celebrate his 57th birthday Aug. 27.
"Kay" and Loretta Ross will celebrate their anniversary Aug. 27.
Melissa Pryor will celebrate

her 19th birthday Aug. 27.
Jason Robertson will celebrate his 17th birthday Aug. 28.

Ida Belle Turner Wilhlm will celebrate her 35th birthday Aug. 28.
Kathy Tatum will celebrate her 34th birthday Aug. 28.

Chrissy and Lee Baker will celebrate their 4th anniversary Aug. 28.
Luke Shipley will celebrate his 12th birthday Aug. 28.

Irene Wein will celebrate her birthday Aug. 28.
Becky Slate will celebrate her 80th birthday Aug. 28.

Irvin and Becky Slate will celebrate their 61st anniversary Aug. 28.
Ryan Kite will celebrate his 4th birthday Aug. 28.

Bryan Topal will celebrate his 12th birthday Aug. 29.
Dustin Hoffman will celebrate his 9th birthday Aug. 29.

Nicholas Wayne Summers will celebrate his 4th birthday Aug. 30.
Carmella Clark will celebrate her 70th birthday Aug. 30.

Mary and Arnold Bowers will celebrate their 40th anniversary Aug. 30.

To submit an item for Milestones, drop a post card to "Milestones," 615 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040. Please include a telephone number for verification purposes.
Also, keep in mind that we will run birthdays and anniversaries each year unless we are contacted and asked to take the item off the list. So please contact us if a person you submitted for milestones passes away, or no longer wants to be included in the listing.



Staff photos by JOHN FRESE

Welfare donations

At left, Barbara Henderson, district representative for the Modern Woodman of America, a Fraternal Life Insurance Society, presents Denise Wright of Protestant Welfare with a donation to help out with the agency's renovation project. Above, Wright and LaVern Mull, center, hold the flag donated by VFW member Lois Hanson, right.

Eight and 40 holds annual departmental

The 72nd Annual LaMarche Departmental of the Eight and Forty was held at the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign on Aug. 13. Irene Lofton, of Champaign, was the General Chairman.

Judy Zimmerman, Departmental Chapeau from Highland, conducted the business meetings on Friday evening and Saturday. Chapeau Zimmerman thanked all for their cooperation during the year.

Janet Christiansen, Partnership Chairman, presented an award to Madison County Salon 53 for most new partners in Area V. Cathy Horgan, L'Archiviste, presented certificates for history written and an award to Madison County Salon 53 for best report in

Area V. Special guests at the LaMarche were Audrey Atteberry, 1997 Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary; Pat Krasnow, 1998 Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary; Marty Conaler, 1998 Department Commander of the American Legion; and Richard Snodgrass, 1997 Department Commander of the American Legion.

Newly elected and installed officers for 1997-98 are: Janet Christiansen, Departmental Chapeau from Knox County; Donna Miller, Demi Chapeau Premiere from McLean County; Cathy Horgan, Demi Chapeau Deuxieme from Cook County; Louise Jones, L'Archiviste from Wayne County;

Marilyn Balsamo, L'Aumonier from Kane County; Barbara Malm, LaConcierge from Rock Island County; Judy Zimmerman, National Fouvior Member from Madison County (Highland); and appointed officers Ruth Mitch, LaSecrtaire; Evelyn Nagle, L'Aide from Sangamon County; and Virginia Egan, L'Avocate from St. Clair County.

Installing Officer was Virginia Kates, National Chapeau Passe from Cook County;

Installing L'Aumonier Dorothy Hinson from Madison County; and Installing LaConcierge Shirley Hall from Marion-Clinton County.

Those attending from Madison County Salon 53 were Shirley Landolt, Edith Tuehrup and Kathryn Roberts from Alhambra; Adaline Drury and Nancy Paeltz from Alton; Wanda Taylor and Zella Edme from Bethalto; Frances Elbeck from Edwardsville; Judy Zimmerman, Angela Zimmerman, Irene Schneck and Marjorie Rosenthal from New Douglas; and Dorothy Hinson and Norma Hillmer from Madison.

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This class provides eight hours of in-depth preparation for labor and birth, including breathing and relaxation exercises. Options for you and your baby's care at Memorial Maternity Center will be shared to help make your birth a personalized and positive experience. Participants are encouraged to register before the fifth month of pregnancy and attendance is limited to those delivering at Memorial. There is a \$25 per couple fee. Call 257-5855 for class dates and times.

Childbirth Refresher Class

The Childbirth Refresher Class is designed to give experienced parents updated information about the latest trends in labor, delivery and newborn care. Limited to those who will deliver at Memorial, this class is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. \$5 per couple fee. For more information, call 257-5855.

Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Class

This class addresses questions about vaginal births after cesarean (VBAC) and why VBAC's can be safer than repeat cesarean deliveries for both mother and baby. You also will learn how to maximize your chances of having a vaginal birth. Class meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It is free to those attending Prepared Childbirth or Refresher Classes (we strongly recommend attending these as well) or \$5 fee per couple if not taking these classes. Call 257-5855 to register.

Baby Care and Parenting Classes

This two-session program teaches you how to care for, play with and protect your infant from birth to age 12 months. Topics presented include: newborn care, infant feeding, baby bathing, when to call the

doctor, home and toy safety, returning to work, finding a good babysitter and traveling with baby. Held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third and fourth Wednesday of every month, this class has a \$5 per couple fee. Call 257-5855 to register.

Sibling Class

Memorial Maternity Center offers a Sibling Class to make it easier for big brothers and sisters to prepare for and accept a new baby. This class is designed for children ages 3 through 12 and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Limited to children whose sibling will be born at Memorial Maternity Center. \$2 per child fee. Class size is limited and reservations are requested. Call 257-5855.

New Family Night

Once you have a baby, take time for an informal evening out. Meet with other new parents and a registered nurse to discuss

parenting concerns and have questions answered. Held 7-8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Infants welcome; \$5 per couple. Call 257-5855 to register.

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

This class is designed to provide vital information to those who are considering breastfeeding their baby. The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. This class has a \$5 fee per couple. Both parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 257-5855.

Breastfeeding Help for New Mothers

This service addresses concerns you may have about breastfeeding after you are discharged from the hospital. Information and support will be provided for those crucial early days and weeks of nursing a newborn. There is no fee for this service. Call 257-5855 to talk with a nurse or to arrange a help session.

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Grand opening



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

The Tri-Cities area Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the opening of an Allstate Insurance Agency with owner Jeb Blasingame. Pictured are Linda Manis of the chamber, Jeb's father-in-law Ray Smith, Harvey Cohen of the chamber, Blasingame, his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Brooke, 2, Chamber Executive Vice President R.C. Bush; and in the back row, Jeb's parents, Carolyn and John Blasingame, owners of Star Realtors.

When to sell your business is crucial

Selling a business takes as much planning as starting one. The Illinois CPA Society points out that the timing of the sale, how the company is valued, and your own financial goals are key factors in structuring any transaction. Here are answers to some key ques-

tions that can help you in selling your business.

The key to a successful sale is that both you and your company are ready to make the change. For starters, you must be willing to pass the reins of ownership and management on to someone else.

Don't automatically assume there will be a place for you even in a part-time or consulting role.

Tourism is big business in Illinois

By Dennis R. Wheistone
Communities throughout Illinois highlight their recreational, cultural and heritage attractions to capture tourism dollars — a \$17.2 billion industry. They are right on target in doing so. And, who, exactly, is capturing these dollars?

In 1996, U.S. and international travelers coming to Illinois directly spent \$16.01 billion while traveling away from home. This represents an increase of 3.2 percent from the \$15.51 billion spent in Illi-

nois during 1994.

On average, each tourism dollar spent in Illinois generates an *additional dollar* elsewhere in the economy. Each job generated from tourism translates into a little over *one other job*. Thus, the effect is twofold.

Just about one in every 10 jobs in the state in 1996 was the result of people touring Illinois sites, benefiting our businesses and our communities. The tourism industry is fast-growing — and therein lies

opportunity. It's also highly competitive — and therein lies the challenge.

It is imperative that we in Illinois establish and maintain a strong, focused partnership within both the public-private sectors and state-local levels to ensure we take full advantage of the development and promotional opportunities in the industry.

(Dennis R. Wheistone is president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.)

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Granite City residents JANICE COPOTELLI, MIKE GIBBS, WILLIAM JACKSON and CHARLENE JUDEMANN have completed programs at Vatterott College in St. Ann, Mo. Copotelli and Jackson completed computer-electronics programs; Gibbs completed an automated office skills program; and Judemann completed a paralegal program.

BARBARA WYATT-YUST, member of the Granite City Chamber of Commerce and sales agent for CVM Realty, recently accepted a \$100 donation from the Granite City Board of Realtors. CVM Realty placed third in the Stash the Trash campaign sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

JEANETTE HOLDER was recently honored as Realtor of the Year by the Granite City Board of Realtors. Holder is broker/owner of CVM Realty Inc., 1735 Pontoon Road. She was chosen for the award based on her real estate production and professionalism, as

well as her civic and community involvement. Holder's civic and community involvement includes being a member of Madison County Home Builders Association, Granite City Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Niedringhaus Methodist Church and Christmas in April.

BETTY STONE, of Granite City, health services coordinator for Granite City School District 9, attended the National Association of School Nurses annual conference June 24-26 in Dallas. As president of the Illinois Association of School Nurses, Stone attended a seminar for state leaders addressing legislative issues. Stone is the school nurse at Gristly Middle and Frohardt Schools.

TINA STANLEY, realtor associate with Century 21 Bailey & Co., has been recognized as the top producing agent in her office for the month of July. This is the third consecutive month for her to receive this recognition.



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By Patrick C
Staff writer

I'm convinced that even to this day, when I was a young boy, I have around me a lot of people buying a new Continental. Most of them easily save all their money to buy a new car. It's also easy for kids to find a car.

When I was a young boy, I was reinforced that that wasn't the way to do it. You understand something so being asked, "I was taught by athletes, by everyone, that the classroom is every corner. Times have changed. Role models are in abundance. Granted, there are harder to find. But, if all you find one about go for a dime, you like, you Not in today's world."

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Coaches gauge gridiron prowess

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Role model?By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

I'm convinced it's easier than ever to save money. When I was a kid, you could save around \$2,000 by not buying a new Lincoln Continental. Now, you can easily save about \$50,000. It's also easier than ever for kids to find role models.

When I was a kid, society reinforced traditional values. That wasn't the job of society, you understand; it was just something society did without being asked. Positive values were taught by educators, by athletes, by just about everyone. Role models were in the classroom, on the court, at every corner.

Times have changed, but role models are still out there in abundance.

Granted, the positive models are harder to find. You sometimes have to look long and hard for the good ones. But, if all you're interested in is a role model, then you can find one about anywhere. They go for a dime a dozen. Try as you like, you can't miss them. Not in today's world.

The world of sports probably has more than its share of role models, albeit many of them of the negative variety. And, whereas most of us, I think, would prefer that role models for our kids be positive ones, there is still something to be said for the negative. Values can be learned through the back door.

Consider the Art May story. May, an educator for 32 years with District 189 and the former Athletic Director at East-St. Louis Senior High School, was suspended with pay in December of last year, following an in-depth investigation of the possible

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In the cards

Rotter achieves Bridge milestone

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Don't mess with Bill Rotter. That may or may not be the advice of students who have clashed with the Granite City High School principal, but it is certainly the counsel of those who have encountered him at the card table.

Rotter is an avid and able Bridge player, who recently reached the rarified air of Bronze Life Master as his team captured first place in a knock-out event last week at a regional Bridge tournament in St. Louis.

Master titles in Bridge are attained by accumulating points over several years. Points earned at an evening of club competition may earn the player 1/2 point to 1 point. Points are worth more in tournament competition. Gold points, which are attained in tournament action and are the hardest points to get, must reach 25 before a player may qualify for any Life Master designation.

Life Master requires 300 total points, Bronze Life Master 500, and so on up the ladder.

Bridge is, year in and year out, the most popular card game in the English-speaking



Varsity coaches tout strong GCHS defense

FOOTBALL

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Brad Evanston and his crew had the Granite City High School football field in excellent condition. A good crowd was on hand under a bright sun and a gentle breeze. The conditions were perfect for the Warrior football team's inter-squad scrimmage on Thursday evening.

The freshmen took the field at 6:30 and knocked heads for 25 minutes. The offense dominated throughout, scoring six times, while losing a fumble once and failing to pick up a first down in their only other possession.

Defense dominated in the sophomore match, holding the offense to five possessions without a score. The offense was whittled for numerous penalties, which kept them losing ground for the entire 25 minutes. Both a long gain and a touchdown were called back by flags.

In the varsity scrimmage, both the first string offense and the first string defense looked good. The defense looked particularly strong, while the offense had its running game in stride but struggled with timing on pass patterns.

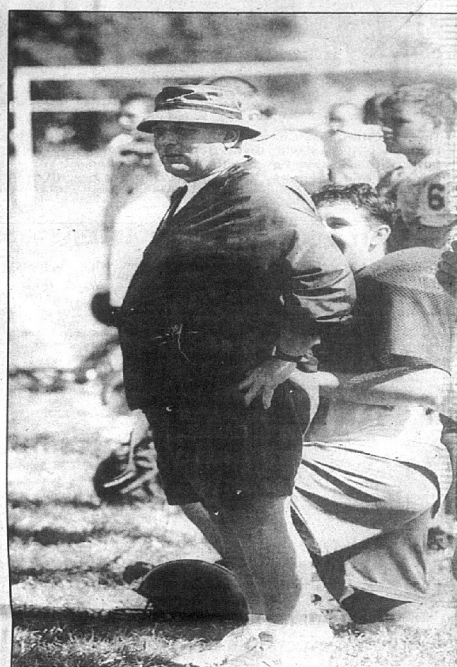
"The passing game always comes later than

"We're pleased with the athletes we have this year, and as I told the players after the scrimmage, we're a lot further ahead of where we were last year at this time." — Nick Petrillo
GCHS coach

everything else, because it depends so much on timing," said GCHS varsity coach Nick Petrillo. "We haven't been able to put the ball up in the air that much yet. We want to be able to pass and not have to pass. We want to control the ball with our running game, and then be able to pass as we need, as we want. We don't want our passing dictated to us by our opponent. Once we get the timing down, we should be alright."

Petrillo and defensive coach Ron Yates were happy with most of what they saw. "Our defense will definitely hit people," said Yates. "If we can find them and catch them, we'll hit them. We have good, solid hitters on

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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Above left, Quarterback Rocky Smith, 1, hands off to Juanell Goodwin, 34, during an inter-squad scrimmage Thursday evening. The offense had its running game in stride but struggled with timing on pass patterns. Coach Nick Petrillo was impressed by his starting defense during the scrimmage.

NHRA on track for
another visit here

RACING

It's unlikely Gary Scelzi was consulted, but the National Hot Rod Association's decision to return to Gateway International Raceway will certainly get the Top Fuel points leader's approval.

The NHRA's 1998 Winston Drag Racing Series schedule includes the second annual Sears Craftsman Nationals, slated at Gateway on June 25-28.

The Gateway event will again serve as the mid-way point in the 22-event NHRA schedule. The inaugural Sears Craftsman Nationals drew an NHRA first-year record 101,300 fans to the four-day spectacle.

"It's been a banner 'Triple Crown Season' for us at Gateway, and the Sears Craftsman Nationals certainly was one of the highlights of our year," Gateway President and General Manager Rod Wolter said. "To see the people eight to 10 deep at the fences and covering every inch of the grandstand on elimination day will be one of my fondest memories of this year."

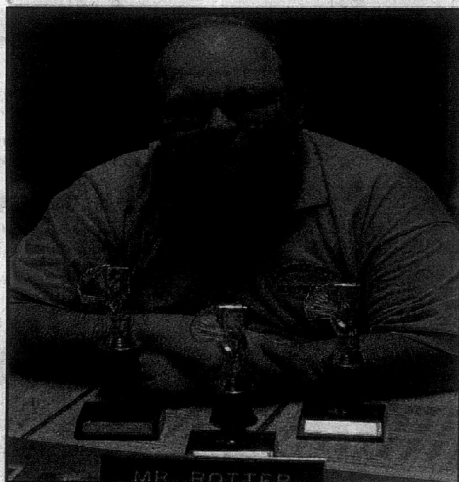
"All weekend long, fans kept coming up to me and thanking me for coming. I would shake my head and tell them it should be the other way around. They made it a joy for us to come here. This is a great track with great fans."

— Gary Scelzi
Professional racer

And Scelzi, who finished second to Joe Amato when the NHRA came here in June, was among those impressed by his first visit to Gateway.

"All weekend long, fans kept coming up to me and thanking me for coming," said Scelzi, of Fresno, Calif. "I would shake my head and tell them it should be the other way around."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Granite City High School Principal Bill Rotter recently garnered enough points in Bridge to be considered a Bronze Life Master.

"I want to win, and I will play to win, but I'm here to have fun. Why would anyone take a week of their vacation, a week out of their lives, plus pay an entry fee for the tournament, just to be miserable?" — Bill Rotter

world. English in origin, it developed from the game of Whist, which, in about 1896, made the transition into Bridge or Bridge-Whist. From this came Auction Bridge (1904) and Contract Bridge (1926), the latter being the most popular form of the game and the type played by Rotter. It is a game of strategy, both in bidding and playing, and that, at least in part, describes why Rotter loves the game.

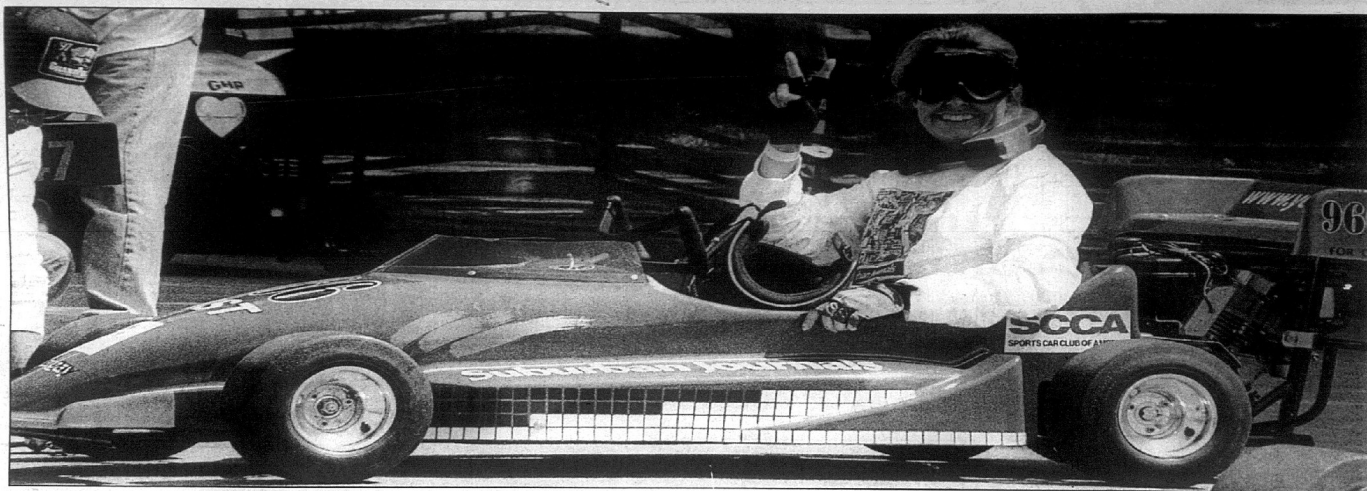
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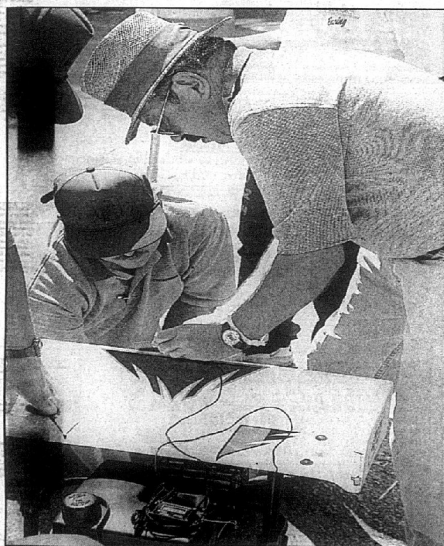
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At top, Suburban Journals account executive Carol Merwyn flashes a victory sign before the start of a race. Above, the checkered flag greeted racers who successfully negotiated a nine-lap heat, including a pit stop to change drivers and change a tire.



Above, race officials check the tachometer after a race to make sure the mini Grand Prix car had not been super charged. At right, above, the Suburban Journals pit crew struggles with the tire changing exercise. At right, Terrell Mack was the driver of a Lou Fusz Automotive Network entry that lost a wheel in the first turn. At far right, Susan Jacobs, of the victorious Natoli Engineering driving team, relaxes after a race.



You go, carts

Mini Grand Prix takes to the streets to raise money for Arthritis Foundation

Story and photos by Dan Barger

It wasn't exactly Gateway International Raceway, but the streets of downtown St. Louis became a fast track for 21 racing machines participating in the Arthritis Foundation's 8th Mini Grand Prix.

The Suburban Journals not only was a co-sponsor of the event, but also had a Grand Prix-style go-kart entered in the race.

Racing teams representing a variety of St. Louis area companies drove their finely tuned mini go-carts on downtown streets outlined by hundreds of those familiar, orange highway barrels. The event promised to be a day of fun in the fast lane. At least it was all in fun for some of the racing teams. For a few teams, the event was the equivalent of the Motorola 300. No quarter was given and no quarter asked, as the little racing cars were pushed to their limits.

Each of the mini Grand Prix cars was new and each was expected to be of equal speed. The skill of the driver was expected to make the difference between the championship trophy and the consolation prize.

After a full day of racing, a team from Natoli Engineering claimed the championship trophy. The St. Louis

Pontiac Dealers Association finished the day in second place and a team from the St. Louis Street Department was third.

In all, there were 21 cars in the running, including a hot little red number sponsored by the Suburban Journals. The Journal machine, however, looked better than it ran. Noel Signs, of south St. Louis, applied the pinstripes and other decals to the racer, an effort that grabbed third place in the "Best Decorated" category.

It was estimated that the race raised \$100,000 for the Arthritis Foundation.

And even though Tony Forcelledo, owner of Softball & Baseball USA in South County, decked out the Journal team in snazzy red, white and blue uniforms, the racing effort was hard-fought, but futile. There were no victory laps.

The real winners of the mini Grand Prix, however, are those who depend on the Arthritis Foundation for programs, projects and research. It was estimated that \$100,000 was raised for the Arthritis Foundation as a result of the race.

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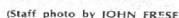
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The football Warriors line up for half-speed drills.

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District 189 superintendent Geraldine Jenkins spoke wisely when she said, "I'm sorry for Art May, but I think it sends a message that you should not take funds that do not belong to you, and that any funds that belonged to the children of the school district should be used for the purpose for which it was created."

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The NHRA will again hold two national events at tracks in Dallas, Houston and Pomona, Calif. in 1998.— *From the Telegraph*

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"I can only feel good about our basic defense and our basic offense," said Petrillo. "We're pleased with the athletes we have this year, and as I told the players after the scrimmage, we're a lot further

Petrillo comes out of the scrimmage with more than a good idea who his No. 1 and No. 2 players will be for 1997.

"Now we know where we're at and where we need to go—from here," he said.

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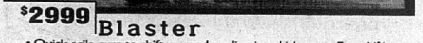
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Turner has big plans for Illini

By the time the University of Illinois football team opens its 1987 season under new coach Ron Turner, optimism will have prevailed.

Last season's 2-9 record and dismissal of coach Lou Tepper will be a memory, and a look to the future that includes six home games will be the trend, especially for those of us who grew up on Big Ten football.

Just a few of the quotes from the 43-year-old former Chicago Bears assistant are enough to make me look for my personal Chief Illiniwek uniform.

Said Turner — on selling Illinois football: "The big thing that we're trying to see is that we have a plan and a philosophy. We know what we want to do. We're not going to jeopardize that basic philosophy, which is hard work, dedication and commitment to winning. We're going to out-execute our opponents."

On returning to college football: "My heart has always been in college football, and I missed the Saturday afternoon, the excitement on the campus, the fans and the alumni. It's an excitement that can't be matched, that pleasure of a Saturday afternoon in the fall."

Meanwhile, I focused on Turner's reference to big things and found this edition of the Illini the biggest I can recall in that there are 11 players over the 300-pound mark.

Goodness, it wasn't so long ago that 200-pounders were considered "big" but now 300 is becoming the norm for offensive linemen. The Illini are loaded with four juniors, three seniors, two sophomores and two freshmen over 300, with another eight players between 275 and 300 pounds.

While 6-5, 345-pound Jay Kallaga, a freshman from Seminole, Fla., is the biggest



Art Voellinger

of big, an offense designed by Turner might place as much attention on Lenny Willis, a 5-9, 175-pound sophomore wide receiver from Champaign Central.

Willis is one of 57 Illinois-bred players — a list that features returning starters Garrett Johnson, a 6-3, 285-pound junior from Belleville East, and David James, a 6-4, 225-pound senior linebacker from East St. Louis Senior.

A son of former Illini defensive lineman Herschel Johnson (1966-68), Garrett is slated to start as a defensive tackle — where he was a year ago until being slowed by an ankle injury suffered at Michigan.

Johnson's career highs include eight tackles vs. Iowa, five solos vs. Michigan State and two tackles for loss vs. Northwestern.

James returns as the starting middle linebacker and follows a string of East Side stars, including 1994 Butkus Award winner Dana Howard and Dennis Stallings.

James' career highs include 15 tackles vs. Arizona in '95, 10 solos vs. Washington St. in '94, two tackles for loss vs. Northern Illinois in '94 and an interception vs. Iowa in '95.

Other players from Northwestern Illinois include sophomore fullback Elmer Hickman (6-1, 225) from Alton and Nathan Hodel (6-2, 250), who was redshirted as a freshman long snapper last season, from Belleville East.

Madison softball
Openings remain for Madison men's softball teams to play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. The entry fee is \$240 for 10 games and the playoffs.

Coe teams will play on Friday nights. The fee is \$225 for 10 games. There will be six teams assigned to each league on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline is Aug. 22. For more information, call Jim Broadway at 451-1440.

Fastpitch softball
The St. Louis Sluggers girls fastpitch softball teams are looking for players. The 14-and-under team needs one or two position players for the 1988 100-game season (catcher, third base, infield-outfield). The team is open to players born after Aug. 31, 1983. For more information, call Mike Grasso at (314) 532-3218.

The 13-and-under team needs two position players for 1988. Girls born after Aug. 31, 1983 may call Ken Lommel at (314) 458-5408. The 11-and-under team will hold tryouts on Aug. 24 and 30 for girls born after Aug. 31, 1985. For more information, call (314) 894-7069 or (314) 532-3218.

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Flag football
The Granite City Park District will be registering participants for its flag football program 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at the newly constructed football complex at Worthen Park. The league is for third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Participants will be fitted for helmets and shoulder pads, which are provided to each team member for the season. Beginning Sept. 2, registration will continue at the Wilson Park office during regular business hours.

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Lady Raiders softball
The Brighton Lady Raiders 18-and-under fastpitch softball team is holding tryouts for the 1988 season. For more information, call 372-4263.

LCCC tennis
Lewis & Clark Community College is offering athletic scholarships for its women's tennis team. Scholarships are available to full-time students

carrying a minimum of 12 hours. For more information, call the athletic office at 466-3411, extension 6002 or coach Ursprung at 466-3411, extension 4734.

LCCC basketball
The Lewis & Clark Community College fall youth basketball league will begin play Sept. 8-9. The league will feature a division for boys in 7th and 8th grade and a division for boys in 5th and 6th grade. The cost to enter is \$300 and will help fund athletic scholarships. To register a team, call LCCC basketball coach Doug Stotler at 466-3411, ext. 6200.

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BAC offers free 'second language' courses

Belleville Area College's Adult Basic Education Department is offering free English as a Second Language classes this fall in Belleville, Collinsville, Granite City and Scott Air Force Base.

English as a Second Language classes are for foreign-born adults who wish to learn or improve their English language speaking, reading and writing skills.

BAC offers English as a Second Language classes for free.

At BAC's Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, morning classes will meet from 9-11:50 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 19 through Oct. 7, and Oct. 9 through Dec. 4. Evening classes at the Belleville Campus will meet from 6:30-9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from Aug. 18 through Oct. 8, and Oct. 15 through Dec. 3.

At the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, daytime classes will meet from 9-11:30

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a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 18 through Oct. 8, and Oct. 15 through Dec. 3. Evening classes at GGC will meet at 6:30-9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from Aug. 18 through Oct. 8, and Oct. 15 through Dec. 3.

At Scott Air Force Base, classes will meet from 9-11:50

a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 18 through Oct. 8, and Oct. 15 through Dec. 3.

In Collinsville, classes will meet from 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 20, at Kreitzer Elementary School, 9000 College Avenue.

For more information, contact Mary Mueller at 235-2700, extension 363, or toll-free in Illinois at 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 363.



Rev. John Lamb



Rev. Wayne Musatics

Events mark church's 25th anniversary

Central Baptist Church celebrates its 25th anniversary today in the 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. services.

The church was founded by Pastor John T. Lamb Aug. 27, 1972.

A special emphasis for the day will be to honor the Rev. and Mrs. Lamb. There will be a fellowship after the evening service.

The church was originally located at 3910 Highway 111. Lamb pastored the church until 1978 when Wayne L. Musatics became pastor. In

1980 the present building was erected at 3940 Highway 111, in Pontoon Beach.

Central Baptist Church ministries include: bus ministry, youth ministry, world missions, Central Baptist School since 1974 and Central Baptist Preschool.

Pastor Musatics invites any one who has ever attended Central Baptist Church to come for this Homecoming Day.

Nursery provided for all services. For transportation call 931-0964.

Millikin names lists for spring semester

The following students were named to the High Dean's List and the Dean's List for the spring semester at Millikin University in Decatur, Those

on the High Dean's List are marked with an asterisk.

Belleville — TIFFANY CONZELMAN, RODD JOHNSON and EMILY SPRENG
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Lunch

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 27 — Ravioli with meat sauce, peas, potatoes, bread, milk.

THURSDAY, Aug. 28 — Hot dog on bun, oven fries, applesauce, milk.
FRIDAY, Aug. 29 — Chef salad with ham and cheese, croissants, bread sticks, fruit gelatin, milk.

Holy Family

Lunch

TUESDAY, Aug. 26 — Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese, potato wedges, corn, peas, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 27 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered bread, slaw, baked apples, milk.

THURSDAY, Aug. 28 — BBQ ham on bun, baked beans, potato chips, carrots and celery, mixed fruit, milk.

FRIDAY, Aug. 29 — Nachos with cheese sauce, peanut butter sandwich, lettuce salad, cherry cobbler, milk.

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Admission is free. Refreshments following program in the church cultural hall.

District 9 reschedules time for school board meeting

The Granite City School District No. 9 Board of Education has changed the starting time of Tuesday's board meeting to 6 p.m.

A closed session begins at 6

p.m., with the regular meeting starting at 7. Meetings are held at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 1947 Adams.

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AUTOMOTIVE



Altima Nissan cuts price of redesigned Altima

By Tom Strongman

More car for less money is a notion that seems to be gaining prominence in the auto business. Toyota did it with its 1997 Camry and Lexus ES 300, new models priced below their predecessors, and Nissan is doing a similar thing with its redesigned 1998 Altima, made in Smyrna, Tenn.

The sticker price for the high-volume GXE is \$17,990, which is \$1,500 less than the model it replaces. Other models range from \$14,990 for the base XE to \$19,890 for the top-line GLE. The spiky SE has a sport-tuned suspension and four-wheel disc brakes. It starts at \$18,490.

Nissan sent me a luxurious GLE to test drive, and its list of standard equipment includes leather upholstery, automatic transmission, eight-way power driver's seat, AM/FM cassette with CD player and keyless remote entry.

This new Altima, which went on sale recently, is an evolution of the original, because owners told Nissan, "Don't mess with my Altima." Based on the same 106.1-inch wheelbase, it has a wider track, more rigid body structure and the same 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine. Overall length is up by nearly 3 inches, and width is up by 2 inches.

From a styling perspective, the redesign continues the "monofrom" theme started with the first Altima. Although all exterior body panels are new, this new model is still recognizably an Altima, which is good since the original was such a hot seller. In back, the roofline is less like a notchback and more like a hatchback, which makes the C-pillar look a bit heavier. Otherwise, its new lines are sharp and clean.

A character line stamped into the top of the fenders and hood not only makes the car look wider from behind the driver's seat, but also gives the front a crisp, chiseled look.

Nissan has chosen bake-hard steel panels for more dent resistance.

On the road, the new model is noticeably quiet. I could hardly hear the engine in ordinary driving. When I floored the throttle in our test car, however, a buzz resonated from the dash or engine compartment. I couldn't tell which, when revs soared past 5,000 rpm. Even at that, the new car mutes engine noise better than before.

The 150-horsepower engine carried over from the previous car has more than adequate power in most situations. Some might miss a sweet V-6 for the upscale GLE, but that doesn't seem to fit the Altima's thrifty nature.

Our GLE's standard automatic transmission was a pleasure, with the exception of some shifting in and out of overdrive around 40 mph, which got to be annoying. Fortunately, a "hold" button on the gear lever keeps the transmission from shifting into overdrive, and I used it a lot around town to alleviate extra shifts.

Once out on the road, the lack of wind and road noise make this a most comfortable cruiser. At 70 mph and above I didn't have to turn up the radio, which is not often the case in many cars. It is a pleasant place in which to cover lots of miles.

The view from the driver's seat is good. A series of arcs shape the instrument panel, and the color combinations create a luxurious feel. Instruments are typical white-on-black dials, arrayed nicely behind the steering wheel. The climate control unit in the center of the dash still has sliding-bar type adjustments and push buttons instead of the now-almost-universal

rotary knobs, but it works fairly well.

The radio, located lower near the console, continues to have too many small knobs and buttons.

Air bags are de-powered for less violent opening.

Dual cup holders are located in the center console, which has a nice storage box/armrest between the seats.

While the interior is marginally wider than before, most other dimensions are effectively the same. Front- and rear-seat legroom is fractionally smaller. Space in the rear seat, which has a 60/40 split/folding back, is ample but not overly generous.

Cargo volume is down a smidgen, although not enough to notice, really. How to follow a popular model with a new design is always vexing for manufacturers. Should they take an entirely new direction, such as Ford did with the Taurus, or should they be safe and update modestly? Nissan chose the latter path for this year's Altima, one I suspect will be well-received by buyers because the price of the most popular model has dropped \$1,500.

The base price of our GLE test car was \$19,890. Its only options were anti-lock brakes and aluminum wheels. The sticker price was \$21,158. The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: New styling and lower price make the new Altima attractive to buyers who want a solid mid-size sedan that has good road manners, brisk performance and room for four.

Counterpoint: The automatic transmission shifts into and out of overdrive too much around 40 mph, and the engine got buzzy when revved past 5,000 rpm.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

Americans are driving more but spending much less on fuel, says the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association.

The group says we're logging 56 percent more miles on the road today than in 1978, but the average fuel economy of cars has increased 60 percent. The price of gasoline, when inflation is taken into account, actually has dropped 21 percent. As a result, it took 7.8 cents to buy the fuel for one mile of driving in 1978 but it takes only 3.5 cents worth of fuel now.

Cars and trucks have come a long way in the quality department, too. The J.D. Power consumer research company says 1997 has been the first year the new cars and light trucks averaged less than one defect per vehicle. In early surveying the average was .86 defects per car and truck, down from 1.1 defects in 1996. The 1997 average, broken down, was .81 defects per car and .92 per truck.

Seventy years ago, Stutz built a model it promoted as "the safety car." In those days, "safety" encompassed a lower center of gravity, so a vehicle would not be as likely to roll over as the other high cars of the day.

The 1927 Stutz Vertical 8, featured in the current issue of Special Interest Autos magazine, also featured safety glass, sort of. The glass had tiny wires embedded in the panes to help hold it together in the event of an accident, but the glass apparently still could shatter and splinter.

The car also offered hydraulic brakes consisting of rubber bags pushed by a fluid mixture of alcohol and water, which is generally not considered desirable within moving metal parts. By the end of the model year this perplexing feature was replaced by a more logical braking system.

The new Volkswagen Beetle will not be a cheap, entry-level car like its ancestor. The Beetle returns to the U.S. next year with either a 2.0-liter, 115-horsepower gasoline engine or a 1.9-liter, 90-horsepower diesel engine. It will carry a manual transmission or an automatic, both of them with five speeds.

The new Beetle's shape recreates the silhouette of the classic Bug of old, but it is front-engine rather than rear-engine and will be a nicely equipped automobile, according to Volkswagen officials.

The car and its pricing will be introduced at next year's auto shows and go on sale about the middle of the year.

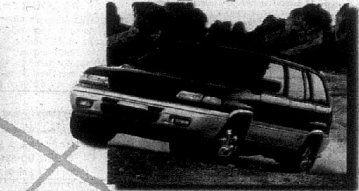
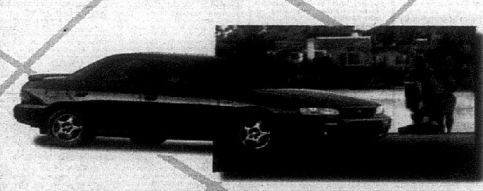
Cadillac plans to introduce a high-tech radio and information system that identifies stations by their call letters, the titles of songs and the artists performing them. It also interrupts the music to relay traffic or weather information and switches to another similar station if a signal becomes weak.

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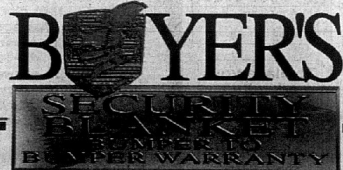
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Phone operator interesting job

By Jim Rygelski
Correspondent

After staying home to raise a family, Shirley Bryant of Florissant wanted to get back into the workforce, as her children neared the end of their schooling.

Because she had become acquainted with some telephone operators and had listened to them discuss their jobs, she decided, with their encouragement, to apply at Southwestern Bell. Now, 17 years later, she's still there, working as a toll and directory operator, helping up to 1,000 callers a day find the right number after they've dialed "0" or "1-411."

"It's very rewarding when you help a customer who didn't have that much to go on."

"When you do find it (the telephone number requested), you get a great, satisfying feeling," Bryant said.

Computerized equipment has improved the search for the correct phone number. For example, a new program suggests a name from just a few letters an operator can index. "That new program went on-line this month, and we're very proud of it," she said.

But operators such as Bryant still must use old-fashioned people skills in handling customer requests.

"We deal with emergencies. We have to be ready," she said.

"We try to give A-plus service every time. If we fail, we apologize."

Some customers are easier to deal with than others. You have to be able to listen to people. Sometimes we have customers who are not

that polite, but you can't take it personally, and you have to just go on and take the next customer," Bryant said.

"We get oddball calls from time to time; people asking how to spell a word or asking for directions," she said.

Even then, operators try to help, she said.

Bryant has worked all this time with one arm — her right arm — having lost the other long ago, the result of a tumor.

"I knew if I could prove I could do this job, I would not have a problem. It's never been an issue with Southwestern Bell."

"I've never asked for favors, nor gotten any," Bryant said.

About the only thing about the job that Bryant said gets tedious is "sitting in one place." But she said that workplace rules allow needed breaks.

"We have what we call a 'special' if we need that; we can take it any time during our shift."

While the telephone operator's job was traditionally held only by women, Bryant said that it long ago was opened to men.

"We have people with master's degrees, people here with just a high school education," she said.

One thing is constant she said: The training for an operator is on-going.

"We have continuous training. For new hires, each operator required two days training," she said.

Bryant said the career of telephone operator will continue to be a rewarding and challenging one for those of any age who are considering it.



(Staff photo by RICK GRAEFFE)

Tom Roof is owner of Thomas Roof Inc. Architects.

Architects see results of work
Career combines creativity with mechanical requirements

For Tom Roof, owner of Thomas Roof Inc. Architects, architecture has been a way of life.

Roof began his career right out of high school, drafting for a company that worked with food service equipment. While attending night school at Washington University in St. Louis, Roof worked for several local companies, getting both the education and the experience important to an architect.

In 1989, Roof started his own business, TRI Architects, which deals mostly with commercial developments, including restaurants, retail establishments, supermarkets and hotels. TRI's impressive clientele includes Dierberg's Supermarkets in St. Louis and Studio Plus Hotels nationwide.

"This is a service-oriented business," says Roof. "A lot depends on serving the customers. We strive for repeat customers."

"The biggest satisfaction Roof receives from his career is seeing the finished project."

"The realization of a project

"This is a service-oriented business. A lot depends on serving the customers. We strive for repeat customers."

— Thomas Roof
Architect

takes a lot of energy and effort. My favorite part (of being an architect) is when there's a building there from nothing, or give a building a whole new look through major renovation."

While there are pieces in the architectural process that are "difficult," such as the municipal approval process, Roof says for the most part, he thoroughly enjoys his chosen career.

For those considering a career in architecture, the education and experience requirements can vary. Students can choose to go to a technical school, or two-year training program, and then apprentice

under a licensed architect. In order to fulfill licensing requirements in Missouri, those choosing this route are required to serve 12 years in education and apprenticeship. The other choice is for students to receive a formal education at a university. This degree involves 4 to 5 years of schooling.

The starting salary for most architects is in the \$20,000-per-year range, depending on level of education. Experienced architects can earn anywhere from \$40,000 to \$55,000 and above, depending on the size of the architectural firm.

When hiring an architect, says Roof, he looks primarily

at three things.

"Experience is first, education is second and personality is third."

"People who make careers in architecture are people who are mechanically oriented, and good at understanding how things go together."

Roof said. "Others have great knowledge of computer graphics. And some have creativity and design talent."

However, it is important that anyone considering architecture evaluate his or her personality.

Tree surgeons are more
detective than doctor
Arborists both care for and remove treesBy Daniel J. Ladd
Correspondent

If you are one of those who spent most of your childhood in a tree house, then maybe a career as an arborist could be for you.

Arborists used to be known as tree surgeons, a sobriquet that strikes many as being a tad silly.

Responsible for both the care and removal of trees, arborists differ from surgeons primarily in that surgeons rarely, if ever, climb their patients.

Dan Koerker, chief arborist for Ray's Tree Service in Kirkwood, said arborists are more detective than doctor, and must look for clues to explain any sickness in the tree.

Arborists are required to diagnose problems with trees, as well as perform preventive maintenance, such as pruning or treating the trees with fungicide; and they are frequently called upon to cut down and remove trees that have either died or have been destroyed by storms.

Moeller said that about 60 percent of the work is cosmetic in nature — just trying to make the tree look better — and 40 percent is repairing the effects of storm damage. While many people don't have a clue what sort of tree sits in their yard, others can become quite attached to them and can take bad news hard.

"People can get very emotional about the loss of a tree," Moeller said. "Sometimes it's like a family pet, they get so attached. It can be very traumatic. It is there one minute and

the next it is lying in the yard — or on your house."

In this area, he said, the biggest threat to trees is Dutch Elm Disease, a fungus that produces an incurable, fatal infection in elm trees.

"A Dutch elm can grow for 70 years, and then get Dutch Elm Disease and be dead in a year," Moeller said.

Other big threats are insects and nearby construction, which can frequently damage a tree's root system.

Moeller, who has a bachelor's degree in forestry, said college is helpful, but not mandatory for the would-be arborist. He said there are home-study courses, as well as the traditional route of applying as a laborer to a tree service and learning on the job.

Job requirements include not being deathly afraid of heights, a willingness to work outside and having an interest in trees.

Those hiring tree services, he said, should stick to those that are certified by any of the several governing bodies overseeing the industry.

"Anyone with a chain saw and a pick-up truck can call themselves a tree service," Moeller said.

Most arborists have respect for trees, but don't call them tree huggers.

"There is nothing more magnificent than a large oak tree," Moeller said.

But, he said, he has no qualms about cutting one down, if he has to.

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Automotive technicians need determination

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Matthew McDavid is an automotive technician with Dobbs Tire and Auto Center in Overland.

Those who love work will be successful

Looking at the pros and cons of being an automotive technician, it's easy to spot one of the biggest "cons" — the dirt and grime.

The pros, while much stronger, are not as immediately obvious, said Matthew McDavid, automotive technician at Dobbs Tire and Auto Center in Overland.

"My favorite part of this job is the fact that what you put into it is what you get out of it," McDavid said. "I work on commission. If you're a hard worker, like I consider myself to be, it'll pay off."

For those with training in the field, automotive technicians, also known as auto mechanics, generally receive a starting pay of \$10 per hour, plus commission after a certain production quota.

Allen Davenport, assistant department head of maintenance repair at Ranken Technical College, said automotive technicians who are truly successful are those who love their work.

"I've never found a successful mechanic who was in it for the money," Davenport said. "They have to have a love of automobiles (and be interested in) mechanics. Their love is the satisfaction of keeping a car running smoothly."

Both Davenport and McDavid agree anyone considering a career as an automotive technician should evaluate himself or herself before pursuing the job.

"You have to be hard-working and determined," McDavid said. "You can't be a person that will give up easily. If you're a self-starter, have a mind of your own, then you're on your way."

A good candidate has endurance, a good attitude and is personable, Davenport said.

"Frustration does not have a place (in the field)," he said.

McDavid's training at Ranken Technical College lasted six semesters, or two years. In addition to automotive classes, Ranken also offers courses such as mathematics and business.

"We want our graduates to be well-rounded," Davenport agreed.

Besides learning the necessary skills for being an automotive technician, Ranken students are taught a strong work ethic, McDavid said.

"That means you wear a uniform, keep your hair cut, be on time," McDavid said.

Davenport agreed.

"We require them to come into school with the mind-set that mentally sets them to a work mode," he said. "It's a regimented approach, but it sets the right tone. We want our students and graduates to look professional."

One benefit of choosing a career as an automotive technician is there currently is a shortage of good technicians, Davenport said.

"One of the main reasons I chose this field was because of the job placement," McDavid said. "It's so easy to find a good job, because there is such a need for good auto mechanics."

Cosmetologists labor under unfair reputation

For years, cosmetologists have labored under an unfair reputation.

Everyone has heard the jokes, seen Frankie Avalon singing "Beauty School Dropout" in "Grease." According to movies and sitcoms, cosmetology was a field for slightly flaky women who couldn't quite handle the challenge of being a secretary.

Those days, if they ever existed, are gone.

"We have built it up to a very respectable profession," said Sue Griffith, president of the St. Louis Cosmetology Association. "It used to be that if mom and dad didn't know what to do with you, they sent you off to beauty school."

Griffith, 44, has been a cosmetologist for 21 years, and runs her own salon, The Design Team, in Crystal City.

Now, she said, the profession is shaking its slightly image. To become a cosmetologist, a student needs to put in serious effort — either 1,500 hours at a state-licensed training academy or — there are about a dozen in the St. Louis area — or 3,000 hours as an apprentice to a licensed cosmetologist.

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Afterwards, she said, there is a lifetime of continuing education, such as keeping up on new techniques.

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Computers not only for the young

It's estimated that one in 10 seniors owns a home computer, and 25 percent of them are on-line.

"Whether they're doing their own taxes, investing on-line or chatting about financial topics on the Web, older Americans are finding computers and the Internet not only fun but financially rewarding," says Sandra Phillips, an educational technology specialist at the College for Financial Planning, a division of the National Endowment for Financial Education.

For those older people who haven't bought a personal computer or have one but haven't used it yet, Phillips offers several ideas about how computers can help stretch those limited retirement dollars.

— Budget your money.

Among the most popular financial software programs are ones that balance your checkbook and help you track the inflows and outflows of your money. Some programs even let you conduct banking (the number of banks using this is still limited) or write checks electronically.

— Do your taxes. "If you can fill out your taxes on a 1040EZ form, don't bother with a computer tax program," says Phillips. "But if you itemize, consider one of the several good tax programs."

Not only will it save you time if you've been calculating by hand up to now, but it will save you money if you've been having someone do your taxes for you. But Phillips cautions that these programs are not

substitutes for good tax planning. A financial planner or other tax adviser can show you ways to plan your finances well before April 15 to save taxes. A tax software program simply crunches the numbers after the fact.

— Plan your retirement. On the market are software programs that can help you estimate how much money you'll need to comfortably live out your retirement with the standard of living you desire or show you how quickly your money will run out if you spend too much.

The program will suggest ways to build a retirement portfolio that will meet your goals or show you how to withdraw the right amount of money from your retirement plans so that you don't accidentally trip over one of the many tax

regulations.

As with the tax software, Phillips recommends that you don't rely entirely on this software for making your retirement plans, especially if your estate is complex. There are many estate planning, insurance and investment issues that a professional adviser can address. But the software provides a good starting point and can be very educational.

Visit the Web. The World Wide Web resembles a large city with millions of electronic street addresses has many sites of financial interest to seniors. Among them are the American Association of Retired Persons sites designed specifically for the newly widowed, sites about Medicare and Social Security and countless investment sites.

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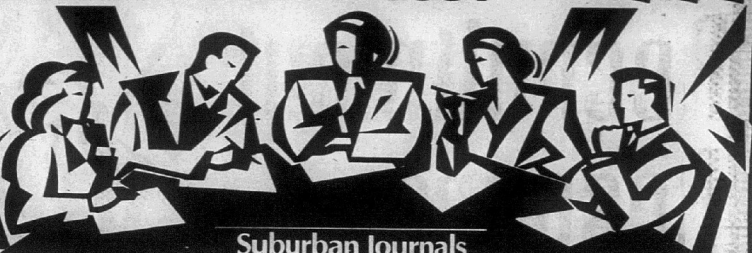
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Physical therapy offers financial, other rewards

A career in physical therapy offers more than just an average starting annual salary of \$30,000; it also offers the reward of helping people return to their lives after an injury.

Physical therapists work in a variety of different environments with all kinds of different injuries. Therapists can work in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, with sports teams and in large corporations. They can help rehabilitate injuries ranging from sprained ankles to spinal cord and head injuries.

Gary Tebbenkamp, a physical therapist with the St. John's Sports and Therapy Center, which is part of St. John's Mercy Medical Center, said part of the reward he gets from his job comes from helping people.

"Certainly at the top of the list for joys and rewards I get from it is being able to work with people and help them either return to the life they had before their injury, or as close to it as possible," he said.

Tebbenkamp has been a physical therapist for 25 years and said he also enjoys working with a diverse group of people.

"It's also enjoyable to be able to work with people from all kinds of different backgrounds and nationalities," said Tebbenkamp.

But a career in physical therapy doesn't come easily. Competition is fierce for a slot in one of the 170 accredited programs across the country. Most universities and colleges,

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— Irma Ruebling

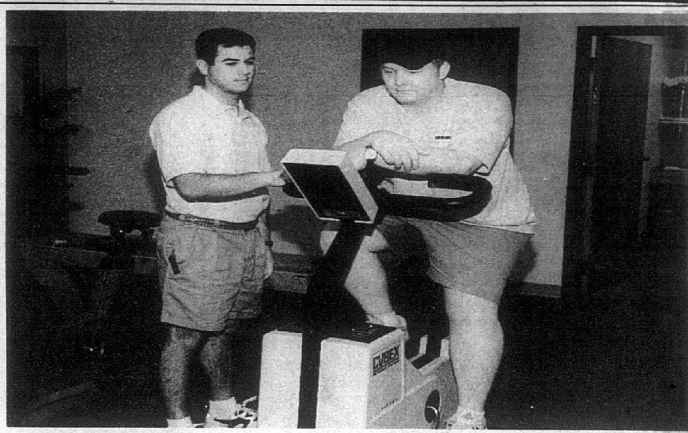
such as St. Louis University, offer only a master's degree.

"We have more application than positions available," said Irma Ruebling, chairman of the physical therapy department at the school of Allied Health, St. Louis University.

"We look for students with a strong background in science, physics, and advanced mathematics," Ruebling said.

But the hard work that goes into getting a degree in physical therapy is rewarded by a plentiful job market.

There may be a surplus of physical therapists. But if those estimates are accurate, Ruebling believes the market for physical therapists still will be there.



Physical therapist John DeLuca instructs patient Rob Kletzker of Frontenac.

Time for easy Social Security solutions may be gone

DENVER — Whether inheriting your parents' fortune cuts your Social Security check or payroll taxes go up and benefits drop, something unpleasant is likely to happen to this nation's old-age security net, panelists agreed.

That's because the time for the easy solutions probably already is past, they said.

The forum, set up by Sen. Ben Campbell, R-Colo., included former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm, former Sen. Hank Brown and several experts in the field, including Ron Gebhardt, president of the American Academy of Actuaries, and David Walker, who has served as Public Trustee of the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds.

Campbell said the ideas developed at the forum at the University of Denver would be used to guide congressional leaders in their

Social Security reform work.

The problem is simple: More people are collecting benefits for a longer time than the program originally was designed to support.

"They tell us if we don't fix this by about 2020, there won't be any money (in the federal budget) for anything other than Social Security, Medicare and debt servicing," Campbell said.

The problems make up a long list:

- Money in Social Security's trust fund is loaned to other government programs, not used for real assets such as private pensions.
- The program, funded by a 2 percent tax, originally was set up as a safety net, so no one would be destitute in retirement, but many now depend on Social Security for retirement income on payroll taxes of 12.4 percent.

There are inequities. As Lamm pointed out, "The average person who pays (Social Security taxes) is worth less than the average person who gets (benefits)."

More and more people from the baby boom generation of the 1950s soon will be retiring, putting a bigger demand on the system than ever before.

None of the proposed solutions looks attractive, panelists said.

They include increasing payroll taxes by nearly one-third; cutting benefits; limiting recipients based on their other retirement income; making personal retirement accounts mandatory; and increasing the minimum retirement age.

"It's better that we get on with it sooner rather than later," said Walker, who projected that Social Security will start spending more than it takes in annually within about 12 or 15 years, and within about 35 years, be out of money.

He said the solution will have to come through higher retirement ages, limits on benefits for those with other incomes, and mandato-

ry savings accounts into which workers would contribute through their career and then use to supplement Social Security in retirement.

Another suggestion would lower the rate of increase for Social Security payment adjustments, now made annually and based on the Consumer Price Index.

Lamm said the crunch will come when the government — already spending more than it takes in each year — must start repaying what it has borrowed from Social Security trust funds. Estimates put that at up to \$3 trillion, which would require a tax of \$43,000 on every American family to repay.

Campbell also said the American public seems to want to see some progress on the problem.

"You guys just don't get it," he read from a letter he'd gotten recently. "Stop dragging your feet."

Another said, "Please remove me from your mailing list. Getting a mailing from you is bad for my blood pressure."

— From the Associated Press

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Helping legitimize the industry are groups such as the St. Louis Cosmetology Association, a professional organization which assists its members with education, as well as keeping on top of any legislative change which affects the field.

Griffith said there are about 300 members in the St. Louis Cosmetology Association.

All cosmetologists must be licensed by the state, and they fall into three categories: a full cosmetologist, who is trained to work on hair, nails, and skin care; manicurists, who just do nails; and estheticians, who provide skin care and makeup.

"Basically what we do is make someone feel good," Griffith said. "We are one of the few professions where people allow you to touch

them."

Cosmetology, she said, has a kinship to another noble profession: bartending. Like bartenders, cosmetologists become a sort of armchair psychologist, confidant and counselor to their customers.

"People who sit in your chair usually spill their guts to you," Griffith said. "You have to have some psychology, to give full service to your client. You have to be able to listen to them. You are not trying to solve their problems, or to get them through a crisis, but you try to listen."

A new cosmetologist may make between \$12,000 and \$30,000 per year — or more if the shop is located in a tonier area such as Ladue.

For more information about the field, contact the St. Louis Cosmetology Association at 931-8647.

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